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The Order for Opening School.

¶ *Let the Minister, or, in his absence, the Superintendent, read one or more of these sentences that follow, all standing.*

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. *Eccles.* xii. 1.

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. *Prov.* xx. 11.

Shew thy servants thy work, and their children thy glory. *Psalm* xc. 16.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom. *Is.* xl. 11.

Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them. *St. Mark* x. 14, 16.

Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. *St. John* xxi. 15.

¶ *Or else, let him say,*

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

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¶ *Then shall he say,*

This is the day which the Lord hath made:
Ans. We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Min. Help me now, O Lord:
Ans. O Lord, send us now prosperity.
Min. Shew us thy mercy, O Lord:
Ans. And grant us thy salvation.
Min. Blessed be the name of the Lord:
Ans. From this time forth for evermore.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung one of these Psalms following.**

First Sunday.

Psalm I.

Beatus vir qui non abiit, &c.

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stòod in the | way of | | sinners: and hath not sàt in the | seat | of the | | scornful.

2. But his delight is in the | law of the | Lord: and in his law will he exercise him- | -self | day and | night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the | | water | side: that will bring fòrth his | fruit in | | due | season.

4. His leaf also | shall not | wither: and look, whatsoèver he | doeth, | it shall | prosper:

5. As for the ungodly, it is not | so with | them: but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth awày from the | face | of the | earth.

* The pointing is from Ouseley and Monk's Psalter.

6. Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand | in the | judgment: neither the sinners in the còngre- | -gation | of the | righteous.

7. But the Lord knòweth the | way of the | | righteous: and the way of the un- | -god- | -ly shall | perish.

Second Sunday.

Psalm VIII.

Domine, Dominus noster.

O Lord our Governour, how excellent is thy Nàme in | all the | world: thou hast sèt thy | glory a- | -bove the | heavens.

2. Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine | | ene- | -mies: that thou mightest still the enemy, | | and the a- | -ven- | -ger.

3. For I will consider thy heavens, èven the | | works of thy | fingers: the moon and the stars, | | which thou | hast or- | -dained.

4. What is man, that thòu art mindful | of him: and the son of man, | that thou | visitest | him.

5. Thou madest him lòwer | than the | angels: to crown | him with | glory and | worship.

6. Thou makest him to have domìnion of the | | works of thy | hands: and thou hast put all thìngs in sub- | -jection | under his | feet.

7. All | sheep and | oxen: yea, and the | beasts | | of the | field.

8. The fowls of the air, and the fìshes | of the | | sea: and whatsoever walketh through the | | paths | of the | seas.

9. O Lòrd our | Gover- | -nour : how excellent is thy | Name in | all the | world!

Third Sunday.

Psalm XV.

Domine, quis habitabit?

Lord, who shall dwèll in thy | taber- | -nacle : or who shall rèst up- | -on thy | holy | hill?

2. Even he, that lèadeth an | uncorrupt | life : and doeth the thing which is right, and spèaketh the | truth | from his | heart.

3. He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done èvil | to his | neighbour : and | hath not | slander'd his | neighbour.

4. He that setteth not by himself, but is lòwly in his | own | eyes : and maketh mùch of | them that | fear the | Lord.

5. He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disap- | -pointeth him | not: thòugh it | were to his | own | hindrance.

6. He that hath not given his mòney upon | usury : nor taken rewàrd a- | -gainst the | inno- | -cent.

7. Whòso | doeth these | things : shall | — | never | fall.

Fourth Sunday.

Psalm CXIX.

In quo corriget!

Wherewithal shall a young man | cleanse his | way : even by ruling himself | after | thy | word.

10. With my whole heart | have I | sought thee :

O let me not go wrong | out of | thy com- | -mandments.

11. Thy words have I hid with- | -in my | heart: thàt I | should not | sin a- | -gainst thee.

12. Blessed art | thou, O | Lord : O teach | me thy | statutes.

13. With my lips have | I been | telling : of àll the | judgments | of thy | mouth.

14. I have had as great delight in the way of thy | testi- | -monies : as | in all | manner of | riches.

15. I will tàlk of | thy com- | -mandments : and hàve re- | -spect | unto thy | ways.

16. My delight shàll be | in thy | statutes : and I will | not for- | -get thy | word.

Fifth Sunday.

Psalm CXXVI.

In convertendo.

When the Lord turned again the captìvi- | -ty of | Sion : then were we like | unto | them that | | dream.

2. Then was our mouth | filled with | laughter : and | —our | tongue with | joy.

3. Then said thèy a- | -mong the | heathen : the Lord hath | done great | things for | them.

4. Yea, the Lord hath done great thìngs for | us al- | -ready : where- | -of we re- | -joice.

5. Turn our captivity, | O | Lord : às the | rivers | | in the | south.

6. Thèy that | sow in | tears : shall | — | reap in | joy.

7. He that now goeth on his way weeping, and

bèareth | forth good | seed : shall doubtless come again with joy, and | bring his | sheaves | with him.

¶ *And after each Psalm shall be said,*

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son : and | | to the | Holy | Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall | be : world without | end | A-— | -men.

¶ *Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed.*

I BELIEVE in GOD the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth :

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell; The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of Sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ *And after that, these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling.*

Min. The Lord be with you.
Ans. And with thy spirit.
Min. Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Min. O Lord, open thou mine eyes:

Ans. That I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

Min. Take from me the way of lying:

Ans. And cause thou me to make much of thy law.

Min. O turn away my eyes, lest they behold vanity:

Ans. And quicken thou me in thy way.

Min. When thy word goeth forth:

Ans. It giveth light and understanding to the simple.

Min. Order my steps in thy word:

Ans. And so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

The Collect for the Day.

¶ *Of these prayers which follow, one or more may be used at the discretion of the Minister.*

O GOD, whose mercies fail not, but are new every morning, Pardon all the sins that we have committed against thee, whether in thought, word, or deed; and grant us thy peace all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSED LORD, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our Nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we, being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths; Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable

benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord God, who didst reveal thyself to thy prophet Samuel, while he was yet a child, Grant to us, whom thou hast made thy children by adoption and grace, that we may attain to the knowledge of thy will, and may pass all our days in obedience to thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, who didst sit lowly in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions, Be with us who are assembled in thy Name and presence, and grant to those who instruct, aptness to teach, and to those who are instructed, willingness to learn thy blessed will, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, the fountain of all wisdom and source of true knowledge, Give us grace above all things to know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent; and in all our learning, grant that we may learn to fear and love thy holy Name, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers,

which we offer before thee, for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thine Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock; Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD GOD, our Heavenly Father, who art the giver of all goodness, Send thy grace, we beseech thee, unto us, and to all people; that we may worship thee, serve thee, and obey thee, as we ought to do. And we pray thee to send us all things that be needful both for our souls and bodies; and to be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins; and to save and defend us in all dangers ghostly and bodily; and to keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our ghostly enemy, and from everlasting death. Grant this, O Father, of thy mercy and goodness, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Hymn.

¶ *At Afternoon School, when a School assembles twice on Sunday, or on any stated Sunday or Sundays of the month, instead of the foregoing prayers, may be said, immediately after the Apostles' Creed, the following:*

Litany.

O God, our Father, in Heaven;

Have mercy upon us.

O God, our Saviour, who didst take little children in thine arms and bless them;

Have mercy upon us.

O God, our Sanctifier, of whom we are born again;

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty;

Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord, the sins and offences of our youth, but spare thy children whom thou hast redeemed;

Spare us, good Lord.

From all sin and wickedness, from our ghostly enemy, and from everlasting death;

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy birth and holy childhood, by thy subjection to thine earthly parents, and by thy performance of thy Father's will;

Good Lord, deliver us.

We thy children do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to enable us to keep in mind the promises of our baptism, and to live as members of Christ, children of God, and inheritors of the kingdom of Heaven;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may believe in thee, fear thee, and love thee with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may worship thee aright, put our whole

trust in thee, honour thy holy name and thy word, and serve thee truly all the days of our life;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may do unto all men as we would they should do unto us;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may love, honour, and succour our fathers and mothers, and submit ourselves to all our governors, teachers, spiritual pastors, and masters;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may hurt nobody by word nor deed, be true and just in all our dealings, and bear no malice nor hatred in our hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may keep our hands from picking and stealing, and our tongues from evil speaking, lying, and slandering;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may keep our bodies in temperance, soberness, and chastity;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may not covet nor desire other men's goods; but learn and labour truly to get our own living, and to do our duty in that state of life unto which it shall please God to call us;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR FATHER, &c.

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Hymn.

The Order for Closing School.

Hymn.

Min. Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY FATHER, who hast promised that they who early seek thy Heavenly wisdom shall early find it, and find it more precious than all the treasures of this world; Send down on these thy children the grace and blessing of thy Holy Spirit; that they, being trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, may choose and love thy way, and depart from it no more for ever; and that when thou makest up thy jewels in thy glorious kingdom these children may be there, and may be

thine; all of which we ask for the sake of thy holy child Jesus, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

¶ *Before Divine Service, instead of the foregoing, the following prayer may be used.*

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that we may worship and serve thee acceptably in the holy offices of this day. Teach us to pray with reverence and lowly submission, both of soul and body. Compose us into a devout and Heavenly temper of mind. Lift up our hearts. Increase our faith. Help us to praise thee with joyful lips. Incline us to receive thy word with meekness and gladness of heart. Send down a double portion of thy Spirit upon those whom thou hast set apart to minister in holy things; and consecrate us all both in soul and body to be holy temples to thyself, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon us, and remain with us for ever. *Amen.*

Occasional Prayers.

For a Sick Child.

O Almighty God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from Heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon the sick *child* * for

* *In case of the sickness of a teacher,* Brother *or* Sister *may be substituted for* Child.

whom our prayers are desired. Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy salvation; deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for thy mercies' sake. That, if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation; or else receive *him* into those Heavenly habitations where the souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies' sake, in the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

On the Death of a Teacher or Scholar.

O Merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally; who also hath taught us by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him; We meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; that when we shall depart this life we may rest in him as our hope is our *Brother* departed doth; and that, at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight; and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Before a Confirmation.

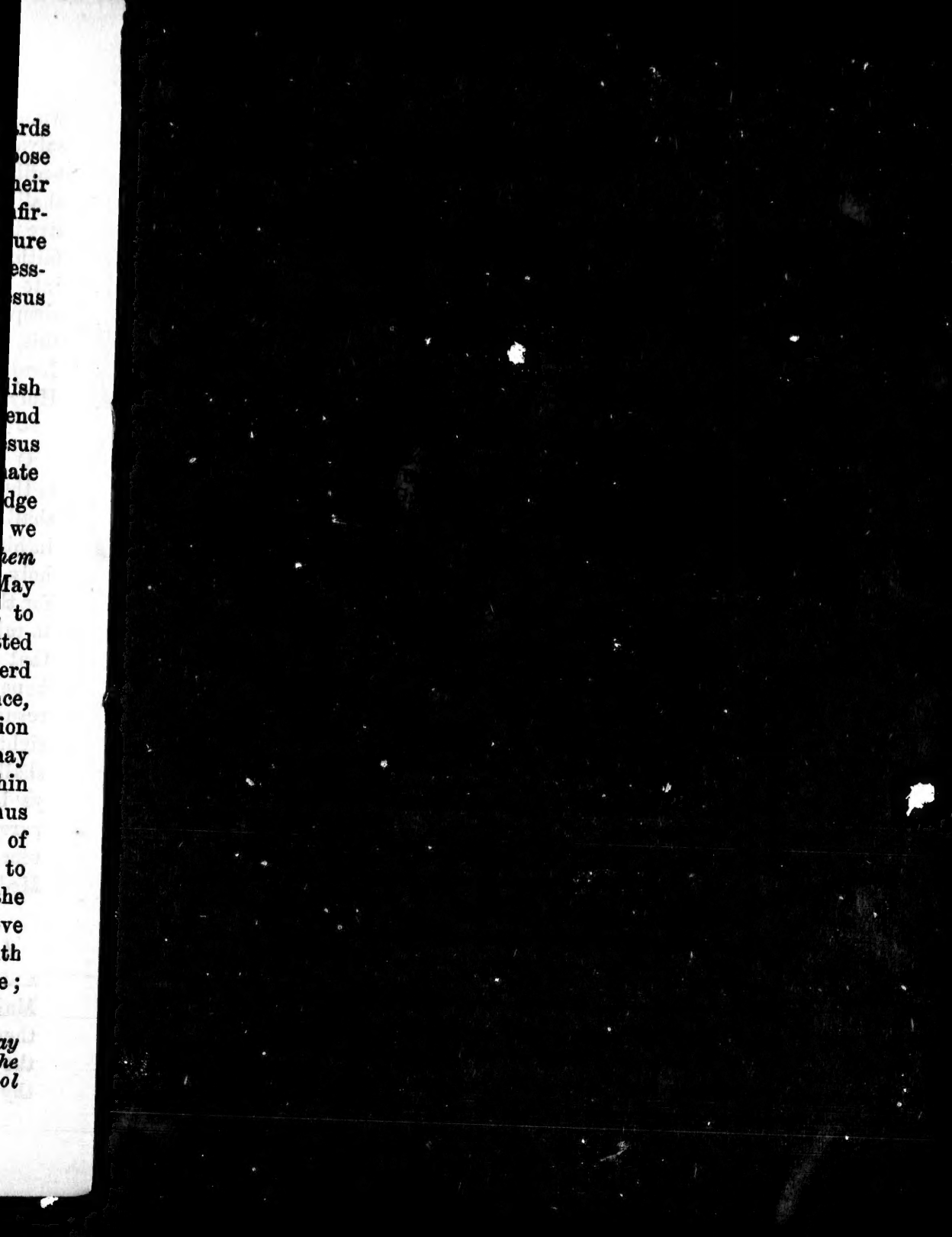
ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who makest us both to will and do those things that be good and acceptable unto thy Divine Majesty; We make our humble supplications unto thee for these children, who are about to be brought before thy servant the Bishop of this Diocese, in order that (after the example of thy holy Apostles) he may lay his hands upon them, to certify

them (by this sign) of thy favour and gracious goodness towards them. Grant unto them, we beseech thee, sincerity of purpose in their renewal of the solemn promise and vow made in their name at their baptism, and to approach thy holy rite of confirmation, with bodies undefiled, with watchful minds and pure hearts; that they may receive therein the fulness of thy blessing and the powerful influence of thy Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*To be used at the Meeting of Sunday School Teachers.**

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, who didst establish thy holy Church and Commission therein a ministry to extend the knowledge of salvation through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and who hast called *these thy* servants, as subordinate agents thereof, to aid in imparting to the young a knowledge of the principles of the doctrine of Christ: Give unto *them* we beseech thee such qualifications as befit *their* office: make *them* modest, humble, and constant in the discharge of its duties. May *they* ever have before *their* eyes, *their* responsibility HERE, to those to whom as ministers of thy Church, thou hast committed the feeding of thy lambs, and HEREAFTER to that good Shepherd who gave his life for them. Grant unto *them* wisdom, patience, diligence, zeal, and devotion. Touch *their* hearts with compassion for the ignorant, and them that are out of the way: and may the love of Christ constrain *them* to do what *they* may, within *their* proper sphere, to bring them unto Him. And while thus made humble instruments in promoting the spiritual welfare of others, save *them* from the inconsistency of being indifferent to *their* own. Enlighten *their* minds more and more with the light of the everlasting gospel, graft in *their* hearts the love of thy Name, increase in *them* true religion, nourish *them* with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep them in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

* *In the absence of the Minister, the pronoun I of the first person may be substituted for those of the third; and by further substituting the singular for the plural, the prayer may be used by Sunday School Teachers in their private devotions.*



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